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Just got back. I will make the necessary contacts and attempt to clarify what the story is regarding these issues, and pass along my findings. Thanks,


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I recall either Mark Pelizza or TCEQ stating that the negative gradient was maintained even when the operations were shut down over that period.

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Thanks, Ray. Jose, could you follow up with TCEQ local office (Mike Buckley in Corpus Christi) to find out what PWS the Garcia Hills folks are being served by? Thanks.

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Jose

I spoke at length with Ms. Elizabeth Cumberland (512) 357 - 2897 today about URI operations at Kingsville Dome. She is a member of STOP. Items of interest she raised were:

URI began mining PAA #3 on Tuesday of this week.

There are 2 families living in one house that is within the PAA # 3 mining area. They are on alternative water supplies.

All of the families in Garcia Hills are now on a PWS.

During the period of depressed uranium prices, the bleed (pressure sink) that was to be maintained in the mined areas was not maintained. Therefore there were many excursions and it is likely that the sink created by the nearby Kingsville PWS wells have drawn contaminants out of the mining site and beyond the monitoring well ring.

She did not offer to provide proof of this but is expected to email me a map showing the locations and names of the local residents in relation to the mining areas.

I tried to inform her of the scope of our program, our oversight capacity, our part in the exemption process, the mining safeguards in place, and the potential that the contamination out there is naturally occurring. I asserted that, to my knowledge, the operation, past, present and proposed, has been thoroughly scrutinized through the hearings process and state courts. She would not agree with any of that and verbally requested we come out there to witness what is happening. I made no promises.

Jose - you might want to check with TCEQ and determine if there is anything valid to the claim of long term excursion occurrence during the down time. This is the first time I've heard of this.

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